

**Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors): CCHS Rapid Response January-June 2016  
Questionnaire on Cost-related Non-adherence to Prescription Medications (PCN)<sup>1</sup>**

**PCN\_Q005**

**During the last 12 months, was there a time when [you or ^FNAME/^FNAME/you] did not fill or collect a prescription for [his/her/your] medicine, or [he/she/you] skipped doses of [his/her/your] medicine because of the cost?**

- 1: Yes
- 2: No
- 3: Not applicable, [he/she/I] had no medication prescription to fill in the last 12 months
- 8: RF
- 9: DK

**PCN\_Q010**

**["Earlier we asked you about skipping doses of medication or not filling a prescription because of the cost."/null] In the last 12 months, was there a time when [he/she/you or ^FNAME/you] reduced the dosage of [his/her/your] medication or delayed filling [his/her/your] prescription, because of the cost?**

- 1: Yes
- 2: No
- 3: Not applicable, [he/she/I] had no medication prescription to fill in the last 12 months
- 8: RF
- 9: DK

**PCN\_Q015**

**In the last 12 months, how many different medications [has/have] [he/she/you] received a prescription for, including on-going prescriptions?**

- 1: 0
- 2: 1 or 2
- 3: 3 or 4
- 4: 5 or more
- 8: RF
- 9: DK

**PCN\_R020**

Now some questions about the cost of ['^FNAME's/'your'] prescriptions.

**PCN\_Q020**

In the last 12 months, how much money was spent for ['his'/'her'/'your'] own medication prescribed by a healthcare professional? Please exclude any amounts reimbursed by an insurance plan.

- 1: 0
- 2: 1 to 200 dollars
- 3: 201 to 500 dollars
- 4: 501 to 1000 dollars
- 5: More than 1000 dollars
- 8: RF
- 9: DK

**PCN\_Q025**

In the past 12 months, how often did ['he'/'she'/'you or ^FNAME'/'you'] delay or not have ['his'/'her'/'your'] prescription filled, or not take the medication as prescribed because of the cost?

- 1: Rarely
- 2: Sometimes
- 3: Often
- 4: Always
- 8: RF
- 9: DK

**PCN\_R030**

The next few questions concern all of ['^FNAME's/'your'] prescriptions for medication that ['he'/'she'/'you or he'/'you or she'/'you'] could not afford in the last 12 months.

**PCN\_Q030**

What health conditions were these prescriptions meant to treat?

- 01: Heart disease, high cholesterol, or high blood pressure
- 02: Asthma or COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)

- 03: Depression, anxiety, or other mental health condition
- 04: Diabetes
- 05: Gut problems (e.g. peptic ulcer, heartburn, bowel disease)
- 06: Arthritis or other chronic pain
- 07: An infection (e.g. bacterial, fungal, or viral)
- 08: A type of cancer
- 09: Other condition
- 98: RF
- 99: DK

#### **PCN\_Q035**

**Do you think that being unable to afford ['his'/'her'/'your'] prescriptions made ['^FNAME's'/'your'] health worse?**

- 1: Yes
- 2: No
- 8: RF
- 9: DK

#### **PCN\_Q040**

**Did being unable to afford ['his'/'her'/'your'] prescriptions result in ['him'/'her'/'you'] having to do any of the following:**

- 1: Go to the emergency department?
- 2: Be admitted to hospital?
- 3: Go to the doctor, which ['he'/'she'/'you'] would not have had to do otherwise?
- 4: None of the above
- 8: RF
- 9: DK

#### **PCN\_R050**

**The next few questions concern the last time ['you or ^FNAME'/'^FNAME'/'you'] couldn't afford to pay for ['his'/'her'/'your'] prescription in the last 12 months.**

**PCN\_Q050**

**Approximately how much was this prescription going to cost ['him'/'her'/'you or him'/'you or her'/'you']? Please exclude any amounts that were reimbursed by an insurance plan.**

- 1: 1 to 25 dollars
- 2: 26 to 50 dollars
- 3: 51 to 200 dollars
- 4: 201 to 1000 dollars
- 5: 1001 dollars or more
- 8: RF
- 9: DK

**PCN\_Q055**

**Did the healthcare professional, who gave this prescription to ['him'/'her'/'you'], ask if ['he'/'she'/'you or he'/'you or she'/'you'] could afford to pay for it?**

- 1: Yes
- 2: No
- 8: RF
- 9: DK

**PCN\_Q060**

**Did this person help to come up with strategies to lower the cost, such as suggesting cheaper alternative medications, or providing free samples?**

- 1: Yes
- 2: No
- 3: Not applicable, no alternative or free sample exists for what respondent cannot afford.
- 8: RF
- 9: DK

**PCN\_Q065**

**Did the pharmacist, who filled this prescription, ask if ['he'/'she'/'you or he'/'you or she'/'you'] could afford to pay for it?**

- 1: Yes
- 2: No

3: ['He/'She/'He or I/'She or I/'] didn't try to fill the prescription

8: RF

9: DK

#### **PCN\_Q070**

**Did this person help to come up with strategies to lower the cost, such as suggesting cheaper alternative medications or providing a drug discount card?**

1: Yes

2: No

3: Not applicable, no alternative or discount card exists for what respondent cannot afford

8: RF

9: DK

#### **PCN\_Q075**

**In the last 12 months, ['has/'have'] ['^FNAME/'you'] ['or anyone else in the household/'Null'] ever spent less on any of the following in order to pay for ['his/'her/'your'] prescription medications?**

01: Food

02: Housing

03: Heat for your dwelling

04: Car, public transit, or other transportation costs

05: Leisure or vacation

06: Other healthcare expenses for ['himself/'herself/'yourself'] ['or anyone else in the household/'Null']

07: Other expenses not already mentioned

08: No - Have not spent less on anything

98: RF

99: DK

#### **PCN\_Q080**

**In the last 12 months, ['has/'have'] ['^FNAME/'you'] ['or anyone else in the household/'Null'] ever had to borrow money in order to pay for ['his/'her/'your'] prescriptions?**

1: Yes

2: No

8: RF

9: DK

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## Reference

1. Statistics Canada. Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) Rapid Response January-June 2016 - Prescriptions - Cost-related Non-adherence. Questionnaires. 2017. [http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p3Instr.pl?Function=assembleInstr&a=1&&lang=en&Item\\_Id=299879](http://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p3Instr.pl?Function=assembleInstr&a=1&&lang=en&Item_Id=299879) [Last modified on December 8, 2017; Accessed on September 6, 2019].